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THE OLD DUTCH CLOCK.

"That's too awfully too too on-
chanting for anything!"
These utterances came gleefully
from Ta-Ta, the lovely and accom-
plished daughter of Reel Jollycuss,
and were addressed to her unambitious
paternal parent.

Ta-Ta was tall, and beautiful as
the flowers she had just brought
from the conservatory. She wore an
incomparable evening dress of satin
surah and moire antique brocade, in a
delicate shade of rose color,
trimmed with quillings of rich orien-
tal lace, and a band of exquisitely
beautiful pearl passementerie border-
ing the waist. Ta-Ta had luxuriant
hair, which, with her false fronts,
set off her handsome head to perfec-
tion.

Jollycuss went to California in
1849, as poor as a sanctuary rodent;
but he was an Ohio man, and his
good luck never deserted him. Be-
sides, he invested a large amount of
money at one time in stocks, and ac-
cumulated therefrom many hundreds
of thousands of dollars, which was
quite a surprise, by the way, both to
himself and to his brother. He then
drew out, and soon after erected a
handsome house upon California
street, San Francisco; and it is in
the library of his pretentious man-
sion that the reader now finds Mr.
Jollycuss in felicitous converse with a
charming daughter.

"Yes, yes, yes," responded Jolly-
cuss; "it is too too. But will your
mother tumble innocently to our de-
licious little racket?"
"Well, now, pa, you leave that to
me. Indeed, it is all fixed. I went
to the auctioneer yesterday, as you
planned, and informed him that we
were going to have a little racket
with ma; that she had set apart an
upper room for the reception of the
most hideous-looking assortment of
broken-down, obsolete, and delib-
erately household furniture that had
ever been huddled together in the
same collection; that she had lately
read that Mr. G. W. Childs, of Phil-
adelphia, had secured for his collec-
tion an antique Dutch clock manu-
factured more than two hundred
years ago, and she was now dead
gone herself on an old Holland time-
piece; and, do you know, he hap-
pened to have one of those coffin-
looking boxes called clocks, like that
I saw at my grandmother's in Atle-
boro, the first time I went to the
States—"

"Oh, that's too awfully jolly," in-
terrupted Mr. J.
"And he said I might have it for
\$4; and I just took it, and ex-
plained to him that I did not want it
for \$4, but that I wanted him to
charge me \$1,000 for it; that you
had provided her with blank checks,
which she could fill out for any
amount, and that he must pack her
with all sorts of nonsense about the
clock's incalculable value as a relic."
"Oh, I shall spoil!" groaned Jolly-
cuss. "Go on!"

"And I told him to be very sure
and charge me at least a clear thou-
sand for it; and that he could send
the check to your office, and also the
bill for the old rubbish, at his con-
venience."
"Well, so far so good," rejoined
the delighted parent.
"And then I came home and told
ma all about my discovery, and away
she flew, after lunch, to the auc-
tioneer's. Why, that is her carriage,
and there's the bell. Mum's the
word!"

"I say, Ta-Ta, it has just occurred
to me that to-morrow is the first day
of April; capital day for a mammoth
joke on the old woman. I will go
out early after dinner this evening,
and when the clock arrives, better
tell your mother to have it set up in
my library, and when I return from
the office to-morrow, we'll have a
farce that'll prove a screamer."

J. purchased that \$4 clock, and
gave the auctioneer a thousand-dollar
check for it, and the aforesaid time-
piece reached the Jollycuss mansion
during the morning of April 1, and
was shortly afterward set up in one
corner of the library.

At 2:35 Mrs. Jollycuss and Ta-Ta
entered the library.
At 2:35 Mr. Jollycuss arrived from
down town, and after taking a swift
glance at the clock, proceeded to the library.
Of course, he saw the clock as-
soon as he entered, and he also ob-
served the smile that played upon
the face of his darling Ta-Ta.
Mrs. J. was not entirely at her
ease, for, now that the old time-piece
had been purchased and paid for,
it all at once occurred to her that,
possibly, a thousand dollars might
have been more profitably expended.
At this juncture, Ta-Ta saluted
her father with a grimace, and said:
"It's a deisy!"
And the father, although nearly
broken up by the suggestion of his
fellow-conspirator, managed to mur-
mur: "Well, I should pause to ruin-
ate."

making fun of me," rejoined Mrs. J.:
"this is too much."
"If you will permit me to warble
an opinion, my dear, I will inform
you that it is decidedly too much,
and I will further add that, if my
valuable life is preserved until twenty-
five minutes to eleven to-morrow, that
unsightly piece of auction-house rub-
bish shall take a very lively waltz out
of this apartment."

Mrs. J. buried her frowncd face in
her handkerchief, and gasped: "It is
neither a dumb-waiter nor a watch-
box, my dear; it is—a clock!"
"A what?"
"A clock, my dear. It is a Dutch
clock. It is more than two hundred
years old, and was once the property
of Van Tromp, who, you remember,
defeated the Spanish off the Downs
in 1639 and the English in 1652, and
afterward sailed through the channel
with a broom at his mast-head. I
have written guarantees of its iden-
tity from the auctioneer."

"How much did you pungle, my
dear, for this extraordinary addition
to your hospital for dilapidated im-
plements of household use?"
"How much?"
"Yes, plainly, how much money
did you give for that worthless thing
you call a clock?"
"I gave a check for \$1,000, and I
am afraid—yes, oh! I am really
afraid—that I have paid too much,"
replied Mrs. J., and then the good
woman burst into tears.

This was too exclusive, too too
much for both Jollycuss and Ta-Ta,
who at once relieved the good lady
by making her acquainted with the
details of their All Fools' Day joke.
The movement became general until
Sam Jollycuss, Ta-Ta's brother,
entered and exclaimed that all the
evening papers had a full account of
the suspension of the great auction
house, and the flight of the auc-
tioneer.

Then they all looked somewhat
dazed for a moment; then Ta-Ta and
her mother laughed uproariously, and
Jollycuss vociferated:
"Confound that old Dutch clock!"
A Wagfish Hackman.
St. Louis Republic.

A man stopped up to one of the
hack-men at the union depot yester-
day and wanted to know where he
could procure a bottle of whisky.
"Jump right in, sir, jump right in,
and I will take you where you can
get the finest kind of whisky very
cheap." The unsuspecting individ-
ual, in response to the invitation,
jumped into the hack and was being
driven down the street at lightning
speed before he had time to collect
his thoughts. The mercenary hack-
man drove out to Grand avenue and
north on that thoroughfare until he
reached Washington avenue, when
he turned east, and directed his
course toward the river, finally halt-
ing in front of a saloon near Sixth
street. Here he jumped from his box
and opened the door of his coach,
when the stranger asked him why the
"mischief!" he had taken him so
far.

"Well," retorted the hackman,
"you wanted me to take you out to
get a bottle of good whisky, and you
can't get that anywhere."
Seeing it was useless to parley
with the hackman, the stranger then
procured the whisky and, as he was
taken back to the depot as soon as
possible, as he desired to take the
train.

The hackman said he had other
engagements and couldn't afford to
do it unless he received \$1 for his
trouble.
As the stranger imagined it was
five or six miles to the depot, he paid
the dollar bill and said: "Well,
then, go ahead; I presume I must
stand it." In about four minutes,
to the man's astonishment, the hack
halted in front of the depot. He
couldn't understand how it took him
such a long time to reach the whisky
shop and only a few brief moments
to return. But that didn't alter
the fact, as the hackman had the
dollar, while the stranger had but a lit-
tle experience and a bottle of whis-
ky.

Good and Brave Women.
Cincinnati Gazette.
At Pleasant Ridge, a little hamlet
not far from Cincinnati, three weeks
ago, a man was taken sick with
small-pox, and before the nature of
the disease was known, communicat-
ed it to a friend who nursed him.
The physician of the place did his
duty, but there was no public provi-
sion for cases of the kind, no nurse
could be got, and the two men lay
alone in the house in a deplorable
state. In this situation of affairs,
two women, wives of farmers living
in the vicinity, left their homes, went
to the dreaded house, and took entire
charge of the patients. They are
both over fifty years of age, are
named Mrs. Langdon and Mrs.
Crosley, and are sufficiently described
by one of their neighbors who says
that "they are good women who visit
the sick." A third woman, a Mrs.
Dunroth, insisted upon sharing the
work for one day in spite of all pro-
tests, and as she unluckily took the
disease, Mrs. Langdon and Mrs.
Crosley had a third patient on their
hands. Mrs. Dunroth died, and the
other women, getting the sexton to
dig a grave, buried her with their
own hands, in the night. The two
women who deliberately risked their
lives and cared for the loathsome
sick-ridden day after day that the
sufferers might have human care and
the community be safe, are unhap-
py.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Macon County.
Public notice is hereby given, that in
pursuance of a decree entered in the
above county, at the December
term, A. D. 1881, John A. Brown, Master
in Chancery for said Court, on
MONDAY, THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY,
A. D. 1882,

at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day,
will sell at public auction, to the highest bid-
der, in said county, the real estate in
said county, situate in the county of Macon
and State of Illinois, to-wit: The south half
of the southeast quarter of the southeast
quarter of section twenty-one (21) of
township twenty-one (21) north, range
two (2) east of the third principal
meridian, appraised at \$100. The south
half of the southeast quarter of section
thirty-three (33) of township twenty-one
(21) north, range two (2) east of the third
principal meridian, appraised at \$100. The
north half of the southeast quarter of
section four (4) of township sixteen (16)
north, range two (2) east of the third
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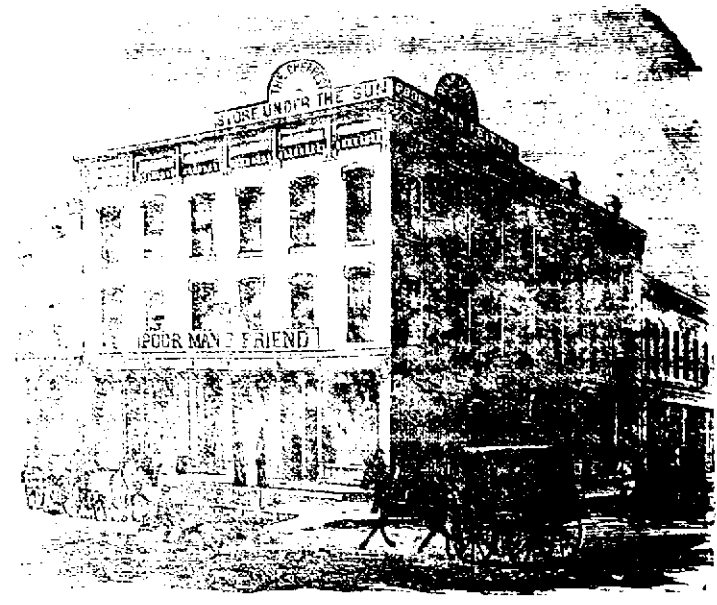
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